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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) CR. NO. S-04-224 WBS  
Plaintiff, )  
STIPULATION; ORDER  
TURK WALTER BLACK, )  
Defendant. )

This case came before the court for status hearing on October 26, 2005. Plaintiff United States of America was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Melikian. Defendant Turk Walter Black did not appear as he had previously waived his appearance, but was represented by David W. Dratman.

After a discussion with the court, the parties requested a continuance of the status hearing to January 18, 2006. The parties agreed that, on that date, they would either have a plea agreement, or would select a trial date.

The date of January 18<sup>th</sup> was selected at Mr. Dratman's suggestion so that defense counsel would be able to completely finish his investigation such that a trial date would be selected, or a guilty plea could be entered, on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The parties

1 also stipulated that time should be excluded through January 18<sup>th</sup>  
2 from the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act.

3 First, the government had very recently provided defense  
4 counsel with Jencks materials from three witnesses. Those new  
5 materials are very significant, and review of those materials has  
6 dictated that substantial further investigation must be done by  
7 the defense.

8 Second, further defense investigation is also required due to  
9 the complicated nature of this case. The defendant is charged with  
10 participating in a five-year, multi-state drug trafficking  
11 conspiracy. He is also charged with a number of money laundering  
12 counts. The discovery provided to the defense has exceeded 3,000  
13 pages, with much of this discovery constituting important  
14 financial records.

15 For the reasons discussed above, as well as the reasons  
16 offered the court at the October 26<sup>th</sup> status hearing, both parties  
17 stipulate that this matter should be set for status hearing on  
18 January 18, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. For those same reasons, both  
19 parties further stipulate that time should be excluded through  
20 January 18, 2006, from computation under the Speedy Trial Act  
21 pursuant to local code T4 (18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv)) to allow  
22 the defendant a reasonable amount of time to prepare his case.

23 DATED: November 3, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

24 MCGREGOR W. SCOTT  
25 United States Attorney

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27 By: /s/ Kenneth J. Melikian  
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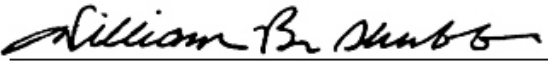
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/s/ Kenneth J. Melikian  
DAVID W. DRATMAN  
Attorney for Defendant Black  
(Signed by Kenneth J. Melikian  
per authorization by David W.  
Dratman)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 4, 2005

  
WILLIAM B. SHUBB  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE